



CTCleanEnergyOptions

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DPUC Announces Start of Clean Energy Options Consumers Will Have Clean Energy Choices

The Department of Public Utility Control today announced the names and rates of the electric energy suppliers for the "Connecticut Clean Energy Options" program, a clean energy choice that provides an environmentally-friendly alternative to traditionally generated electricity. [The program's logo appears at the top right of this release.] The program is slated to begin April 1, 2005.

Sterling Planet of Norcross, GA and Community Energy of New York, NY, each having offices in Connecticut, are the two companies that won the right to provide clean energy alternatives to Connecticut's electric energy consumers. Customers can opt to have the clean power choice applied to 100% or 50% of their total monthly electric energy consumption.

DPUC Commissioner Anne C. George, who headed the Department's pursuit of the clean energy option, noted that, "The Connecticut Clean Energy Options program is exciting because it ushers in a new era. In addition to fostering the goals of electric restructuring by offering customers more options, this is a commitment to a cleaner, healthier Connecticut and New England. The Department is aware that many Connecticut electric utility customers have an interest in clean, affordable electric generation. This program provides both and makes it easy for customers to sign up. It is my hope that interest in this program will encourage additional clean energy investments and options."

Customers can choose the **CTCleanEnergyOptions** program by contacting The Connecticut Light and Power Company or the United Illuminating Company, whichever Company services their electric distribution, or by contacting the winning bidders themselves. Customers are encouraged to read the April bill inserts from both CL&P and UI for information regarding the program.

Sterling Planet's energy sources are 33% from wind, 33% from small hydroelectric generation and 34% from landfill gas generation. Sterling Planet's surcharge for clean energy will be 1.15¢ per kWh, which for a residential customer using 500 kWh per month will be \$5.75. At the 50% option the surcharge will be \$2.88 per month and can be calculated as 0.575¢ per kWh for full 500 kWh or the 1.15¢ rate applied to half their usage (250 kWh).

Community Energy's energy sources are 60% from wind and 40% from landfill gas generation. Community Energy's surcharge for clean energy will be 1.3¢ per kWh, which for a residential customer using 500 kWh per month will be \$6.50. At the 50% option the surcharge will be \$3.25 per month and can be calculated as 0.650¢ per kWh for full 500 kWh or the 1.3¢ rate applied to half their usage (250 kWh).

The purpose of the program is to offer Connecticut energy consumers additional choices, which fosters the goals of electric restructuring

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